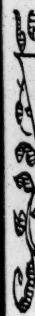


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We have seen a Paper dat. 19
of Septemb. signed by the
Earle of Warwicke, and sent
aboard our Fleet now ride-
ing at Anckor off Helford-
Sluce, and under our owne
immediate command, By

which, with strange insolence, and in a manner
very disagreeable to a person of honour (whose
condition so absolutely depends upon the pre-
servation of the regall power) he requires our
Officers to take downe the Standard, & to render
themselves, and the Ships under their Command
to him (who he sayes is constituted by authority
of Parliament Lo: high Admirall of England)
for the use of King & Parliament. To all which
extravagant expressions and demands, he will
receiue the most proper answer from the disdain

and courage of those faithfull Officers and Mariners, whome he would corrupt, who have with such eminent affection and loyalty (which wee shall alwayes remember) brought that our Royall Fathers Fleete to be imployed under our Command for his service, and who wee are confident, by Gods blessing, will preserve and defend the same, against any such demands or attempts whatsoever. They very well know that it is in the Kings sole power to make a Lord high Admirall of England, and that though this our Fleete be now required to be given up for the use of the King and Parliament, the King in truth, is still in prison, with such circumstances of restraint; as (to say no more) are not usuall in the case of the most private person, and whose delivery and freedome, all his subiects are obliged to endeavour by the Lawes of God and man, with the utmost hazard, and in the pationous worke, and whatsoever shall contribute thereunto, wee have full assurance, all the Officers and Mariners of our Fleete, will vigorously performe their part; and in so doeing publish unto the world how much they abhorre those who would seduce them. And for the encouragement of all
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such who have any impressions in their consciences of honesty and duty to God and the King, and who wee believe, by feares and threats are ledd into this wicked Combination. Wee do by the authority granted to us by our Royall Father, and in his name; who hath the sole power to grant pardons, and without whose consent no Act of indemnity can secure any guilty person, offer a gracious pardon to all those Officers and Marriners, who are now on board any of the Ships under Command of the Earle of Warwicke, if they shall quirt that service, and betake them selves to our protection, where they will be preceived into pay & into a better condition of subsistence, then they can be in the employment they now have. And if they shall bring with them, any of the Ships in which they now are, or other Schips, they shall continue in the same Commands they now have, and receive such further encouragement, and reward, as (besides the satisfaction of their Consciences) shall be very advantageous to them. And if that unhappy Earle himselfe whoe hath contributed so much to the destruction of Governement, which himselfe or his posterity, can never reasonably hope

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hope to survive, shall upon the observation of the temper and disposition of those whose commands he now executes, and from whence, we believe in his first engagement, he did not expect, or apprehend such Commands, shall now out of Conscience and prudence, desire to joyne with us, in the rescue of our Royall Father, from his unworthy imprisonment, & in the restoring the almost ruined Kingdome to peace and happiness, & the English nation, to their old Glory, and renowne, Wee shall with all Princely sincerity, and affection, take him into our Armes, and concurre with him to those great & Good ends, which can only make the Nation happy. September the 22 old style. 1648.

CHARLES P.

